



# BELAIR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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**Newsletter Number 1**

**Week ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

**Leanne Twigden**  
Principal

**Marija Baggio**  
Deputy Principal

## WELCOME

Welcome back everyone! I am thrilled to be leading our school for Semester 1. I welcome Marija Baggio who has come to us from Le Fevre Primary School and will be in the role of Deputy Principal during this time. Marija has had many years of leadership experience and looks forward to meeting your children and you.

During the next two terms our Education Director, Richard Costi will begin the process for advertising and selecting the new Principal who will be appointed to begin at Belair in term 3.

It was a delight to see the excited faces of our students as they walked into classrooms on Monday morning. We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends.

In particular, welcome to the receptions and new Year 1-7 students and their families. We trust that your time with us will be an enjoyable one.

Rec: Susannah, Makayla, Laura, James, Masen, Abbie, Raven, Claire, Izaac, Anabelle, Raiden, Sophie, Maddie, Will, Makenzie, Jem, Elliot, Isabelle, Alana, Luca, Jordan, Macey, Max, Aimon, Asa, Finn, Lilly, Harvey, Huon, Siera, Mitchell, Claire, Josh, Jessica, Hugh, Havana, Lily, Harry, Spike, Eliza, Tarran, Belva, Maddison, Georgie, June, Nico, Chris, Josh, Sam, Eleni, Mia, Leo, Jordan, Sayble, Christian, Jay, Emily, Jade, Rowan, Tilly, Edward, Amelia, Hunter, Zoe, Luca, Dima, Grace, Erias, Isla, Solomon, Oliver, Mae, Edward, Lorenzo, Poppy, Louise, Tilly, Bonnie

Year 1: Elliot, Kaelen, Jessica, Oscar, Zac

Year 2: Lili, Jaxen, Sierra, Aiden, Sonny, Joanna, Tom

Year 3: Millie, Isabel

Year 4: Joanie, Sophia, Jade, Arlo

Year 6: Dillon

Year 7: Jett, Cade

Welcome to our new staff members: Marija Baggio (Deputy Principal) Pennie Humby (teacher), Liz Mitchell (Rec, CW3), Sarah Wright (Yr 5 Rm7), Kristen Bowden (Yr 5 Rm6), Natasha Cowey (Yr 6 Rm4) and Marie Foot (IMS staff), to our returning staff, Keiko Yoshino (teacher of Japanese) and Lisen Carlmark (Yr 1/2 Rm21).

We look forward to a great year ahead.

## CLASSROOM BEGINNINGS

The first few weeks at school are about establishing relationships and good practices to lay the foundation for a positive and productive year ahead.

## 2018 DIARY DATES

**Monday Afternoon** Uniform Shop open 3:00 – 4:00 pm  
**Wednesday Morning** Uniform Shop open 8.30 – 9.30 am

### TERM 1 - 2018

#### February

Mon 5 Parent Association meeting 9am Staff Rm  
Tues 6 Parent Info Night Rec/Yr 6-7 6.15 – 7.15pm  
Fri 9 Assembly hosted by Room 9  
Tues 13 Parent Info Night Yr 1-2 6.15 – 7.00pm  
Parent Info Night Yr 3-5 7.10 – 8.00pm  
Tues 20 Governing Council AGM 6pm

#### March

Tu 13 – Fr 16 Yr 3-5 Water Safety Education – Norwood Pool

Classes are working on shared expectations, essential agreements, being organised and getting along with others and what School Values, IB Attitudes and Learner Profile attributes mean in practice.

You will see evidence of this in your child's portfolio which will be sent home later in the term.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parent Information Evening is being held over two weeks

Week 2 **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
Reception and year 6/7 parents  
6.15 – 7.15pm

Week 3 **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 1-2 parents 6.15pm – 7.00pm  
Year 3-5 parents 7.10pm – 8.00pm

All sessions are held in classrooms.

The evening provides teachers with an opportunity to meet parents, outline the classroom program and answer questions.

To support your attendance at this evening a free crèche service will be provided in the OSHC room for children of school age (Reception to year 7). Preschool age and children at high school are not able to attend the crèche.

It is the responsibility of parents to sign their children in and out of the crèche on the evening.

**Bookings are essential to ensure adequate staffing ratios.** Please return the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter to the Front Office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February for Reception/Yr 6/7 meetings and by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> for years 1-5.



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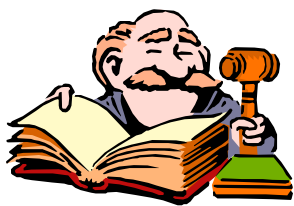
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## GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Drinks and nibbles will be served in the staff room from 6.00 pm, with a chance to talk to staff and current

Governing Council members. The AGM commences at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre.

The Governing Council is a group of parents and staff who work collaboratively to provide a quality learning environment for your children. Meetings run for 1½ hours twice a term. Members are responsive to issues that arise and their role is to determine the views of our local community with regards to the broad directions of the school. The Governing Council advise the Principal of these community opinions and work to support educational priorities of the school.

We have vacancies for 2018 and are calling for nominations from members of the school community to stand for Council for a 2-year period. The nomination form is attached to this newsletter and is due back to the Front Office by Wednesday 14 February 2018.

For more information, please contact Leanne Twigden.

## RESOURCE CENTRE

Welcome to all the new children in our school and welcome back to all the others. We have lots of new books in the Resource Centre so come for a visit and check them out. One beautiful one is, 'The Year of the Dog' which relates to the Chinese New Year.

***Remember we are open every morning before school (8.30am) and every afternoon until 3.30pm.***

Children will also have a regular time each week with their class to borrow and return. A culture of reading at home can help children both value and enjoy reading.

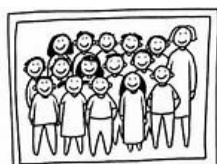
This year DECD is promoting Library Lovers Day on Wednesday 14th February. We will have a display and encourage children to write a letter or attach a heart to their favourite book in the Resource Centre.

Once again we say thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who come to help us. We really appreciate it.

Sharon & Trish

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken in term 1, on **Tuesday 27th February** and **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.



## MT LOFTY RANGES CATASTROPHIC DAYS

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS THAT OUR SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON DAYS THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS CATASTROPHIC IN THE MT LOFTY RANGES FIRE DISTRICT.**

We are required to practise our bushfire evacuation procedures at least 4 times during the bushfire season.

There will be two drills carried out in term 1 and two in term 4 in order for everyone on the site to be familiar with and understand their responsibilities in the event of a bush fire threatening the school. Teachers will be discussing the procedures with classes.

Please see attached flyer.

## COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

Late last year we launched our new look website.

This provides information for our school community. It also allows us to promote our school and connect locally and globally.

We also created an official Belair Primary School Facebook page where families and the wider community will be kept up to date with whole school activities, good news stories and other information such as after school sport, upcoming events etc.

You will find the link to this Facebook page at the bottom of the Home page of the website. A link to Code of Conduct is included for your information. Please make yourself familiar with this document.

Teachers communicate regularly with families about day to day classroom learning and activities.

Whole school information is communicated through

- Newsletters, which will be distributed to families three times each term in weeks 1, 5 and 9,
- Website and Facebook page
- emails are sent to all families on a 'as needs basis'

## PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS



Welcome to a brand new school year, and for the families new to the school, welcome to Belair Primary.

The Parent Association's primary role is raising funds to go towards special projects to improve facilities and resources for students. Keep an eye on PA News in each school newsletter to get up to date info on any fundraisers, meetings, events or social activities coming up.

We would love to see some new faces in the PA. Please consider becoming a member. The commitment is as big

or small as you can manage and it's a great way to get to know other families in the school. To become a member, just come along to our first meeting next week, details below. If you're new to the school it's a great way to get to know other parents in the school.

You may prefer to be a non-member **volunteer**. If you'd like to help with activities from time to time but can't get to our meetings, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter - *'The PA Needs You'* or send an email with your details to the address below. For everybody else, we hope you'll be able to support us throughout the year by donating prizes, selling raffle tickets, buying things etc. It's all for the very best cause!

**Parent Association meeting:** The PA meets twice each term, in week 2 and week 6. **Our first meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the staff room.** Meetings go for about an hour. Come along to hear what's happening in the school, offer help, or throw your ideas into the ring. All parents and carers are welcome. Our second PA meeting (and AGM), in week 6, will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm.

**Class Parent Representatives:** We need a Class Parent Rep for your child's class. Details on what this role involves can be found at the end of the newsletter. If you would like to volunteer for this role please contact the Parent Association's CPR coordinator, Mallory Chatfield, on [blairm76@hotmail.com](mailto:blairm76@hotmail.com)

**Contact the Parent Association:** If you want to ask the PA a question or make a comment or suggestion, please email [kristy@fairlamb.me](mailto:kristy@fairlamb.me) and we will respond asap.

## DIGITAL LEARNING

What an exciting start to the year with a number of new devices being brought to school following the holidays. We have close to 200 personal iPads at the school, allowing more flexibility in classrooms regarding access. Please remind your child if they are bringing a new device to school that this does need to be registered by either Karen Gillespie or Todd Little. .

This year we will continue our Digital learning journey with the added focus of STEM (Science Mathematics Engineering and Mathematics). This new focus is exciting, new and provides many opportunities and connections throughout the community and beyond. We will continue to keep you up to date with what is happening in classrooms and across the school. We were also successful in being selected for the 3D Printing in Primary Schools project. This will run throughout terms 1 and 2. Again with detailed information to follow.

During the holidays I came across this article that helps parents respond to cyber bullying if it is happening with their children. The link below will take you the the Commissioner for eSafety page that has a myriad of resources to help you and your child navigate the online world. It is well worth a look around. We did place this on our new facebook page during the holidays. The link is still there.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/.../.../a-parents-guide-to-responding>

## CANTEEN

Hi everyone and welcome to 2018

The Canteen menu has been updated and ready to go. We have had some price increases this year (some of our prices have been the same for the last 10 years!) Our menu is still packed with a large range of food and snacks at cheap prices. Please make sure that you are using the 2018 menu as of now. The menu has been emailed to all families and it can also be found on the school website.

Your continued support and use of the canteen enables us to keep our prices low and our range high, so please consider having a lunch order or come into the canteen for some tasty snacks, drinks or ice creams and support your School Canteen.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the Canteen this term we would love to have you so please contact me in the Canteen on 8278 6439 or email me at [julie.croft558@schools.edu.au](mailto:julie.croft558@schools.edu.au) and I can add you to the roster. Your help is very much needed and appreciated. I still have lots of vacant days that need filling.

The Canteen is now fully stocked with all menu items and lots of snacks and treats to choose from. Snacks range from 60c through to \$2, as little as \$1 will get them a great treat. The Canteen is a great way for the younger students to show independence with money in a helpful friendly environment.

Flexischools is once again our preferred way for you to order your child's lunch so if you haven't yet registered to use it. please do so. Go to [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) and follow the prompts. It's easy and convenient and you no longer have to worry about finding change in the mornings for lunch orders or children forgetting to put their order in the box! With the large numbers of lunch orders ordering online makes it easier and more efficient for us in the Canteen too.

Once again this year we will be using our Facebook page as a way to keep parents, students and staff informed and up to date with what's happening in the Canteen. This page is not for lunch orders but will advertise specials, have the current menu and volunteer roster on it. If you are not already a member just head to the page and join. We are at: Belair Primary School Canteen.

Thanks

Julie



## PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

Dear Belair Families,

It is great to be back at Belair Primary School in a brand new year! I'm excited about what might happen this year – the growth I will see in the students, the friendships I will make with parents, camps, excursions – there is so much going on.

I'm here to support your child (and you) as a pastoral care worker. Such a role is wide and varied. It can range from tying shoes in the yard to having coffee with parents or assisting families in crisis.

I love my job! I have had many jobs over the years and other careers, but this is my calling. When I reflect on why I do what I do, I always remember my favourite quote: *A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove ... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.*

If you think I can be of help to you or you simply want to have a chat, feel free to stop by my office (next to the uniform shop) or contact me at

[sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au)

I will be in school on Wednesdays and Fridays all day, as well as Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

A couple of groups you might be interested in this year are:

- **Wednesday Morning Walking Group:** Parents are welcome to join me for a walk through Belair National Park after drop off. We meet just outside the front office (where the alphabet letters are painted on the asphalt) leaving at about 8:50 am. We arrive back at the school at about 10:00 am. We go at whatever pace suits people, and prams are welcome. Dogs are welcome too, but if you want to bring your dog, we ask that you don't bring him/her onto school grounds as some children are quite frightened by them. We can meet you and your dog at the gate on Laffers Road. If you think you might be coming, let me know so that I don't accidentally leave you behind.
- **Wednesday Afternoon Group for Parents of Children with Special Need:** This is an informal group that meets at 2:15 on Wednesday afternoons in my office. We share what is happening with our children as well as tips and ideas that have been helpful. We laugh a lot and cry sometimes. Any parent is welcome to come. Your child does not need a specific diagnosis for you to attend.

Kind regards,

Sara Walding, Pastoral Care Worker

[sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sara.walding521@schools.sa.edu.au)

## SOFTBALL 2018

### Softball registrations for 2018

A fantastic summer sport for boys and girls, year 3 upwards. Register now for School Softball at Belair. Learn bat & ball skills in an easy paced game environment. Be part of our A (Yr 6&7) or B (Yr 3-5) team, we'd love to see you! Games are played on Saturday mornings in terms 1 and 4 and trainings are after school on the oval to 4:30pm on Wednesdays. OSHC students can go back to OSHC afterwards. Forms are available from the front office or download from the After School Sport page on the School website.

Cost: \$25 for one term, or \$45 for both terms 1 & 4.

Any questions, please contact Janie Hutchison ([janie.hutchison@gmail.com](mailto:janie.hutchison@gmail.com))

## NETBALL 2018



### Netball Registration – Winter 2018

We would like to hear from all students who would like to play netball for Belair Primary School in the coming 2018 Southern Area Junior Netball Association season (S.A.J.N.A).

Netball is played in terms 2 and 3 and is open to players in grades 3-7 (or players who turn 8 before the end of the season).

If you are keen to play netball for Belair Primary School, please go to the school website - After School Sports - for more information and to access the registration/medical/consent and uniform ordering forms.

Please have your netball registration forms/payment in to the front office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 9th MARCH!**

Teams are entered based on numbers of players registered and no team nomination changes can be made after the close of registration.

Coaching - every team also needs a coach! Please indicate on your registration form if a parent/carer/sibling etc is keen to coach a team.

Please contact Kerrie Wooding for further enquiries – 0414 492 442



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**2018 OPEN EVENING**  
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Principal's address - 6.10pm  
Tours commence at 6.30pm

**2018 PRINCIPAL'S TOUR**  
9.00am - 10.30am

Bookings essential for Principal's Tours  
Register at: [tours@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:tours@uhs.sa.edu.au)  
101 Kitchener Street, Netherby SA. 8394 5400  
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### CANTEEN ROSTER

5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
Jan Waller	Sinead O'Connell		Di Miles	Cathy Hough Sarah Mallin
12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb
Mackella Giles		Rowena Coliero		Brianna Meldrum Megan Finch

*\*If you are unable to work please try and swap with someone else first and then let me know. Thanks*

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

- FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK "Bush Buddies Group"** at the Volunteer Centre, Long Gully, Belair National Park on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, at 10am (free entry). Guest speaker is Anthony Abley who is the District Ecologist for Natural Resources, Adelaide and Mt. Lofty and he will be talking about the Endemic species for our area that don't live anywhere else in the world. Anthony is a great speaker with a wealth of knowledge and should be lots of fun. We will also be working on our 'My Favourite Animal' project that will lead into an event with Chris Daniels next month. All welcome and just let them know at the entry gate that you are there for Bush Buddies. For more information contact Craig Baulderstone on 0421910935 or [cbaulderstone@hotmail.com](mailto:cbaulderstone@hotmail.com)
- WELCOME TO MOVE & LEARN** - A Before School Fitness Class for Primary School Children, Belair Community Centre, 1 Burnell Drive, Belair, SA, Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays (during public school terms) STARTS FEBRUARY 6th, 2018. Please contact Donna Thomas (B.Ed PE) on 0409091022
- BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL CALISTHENICS CLUB** - Interested? Contact us via, Email: [bhps.calisthenics@bigpond.com](mailto:bhps.calisthenics@bigpond.com) or phone Kyra (Secretary) – 0412 057 752



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## Governing Council Nomination Form

Governing Council is the body within the school that, together with the Principal, is responsible for governance of the school.

The Council consists of 15 members in total - 11 parent representatives, 1 Parent Association representative, 2 staff representatives and the Principal.

Below are our current members:

Continuing members:- Merrilyn Larusson, Karla Pobke, Phil Wooding, Louise Petherick, , Lisa Jamieson

Retiring members:- Carly Hocking, Claire Gardner, Aaron Osterby, Kerry Levett, John Forbes

Positions are held for 2 years. There are 6 vacancies in 2018. Now is your chance to have some input into the school by nominating for Governing Council.

If you would like to nominate for the Governing Council please complete the form below and return to the Front Office by Wednesday 14 February 2018. Elections will occur at the AGM on Tuesday 20 February 2018.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT

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### 2018-2019 inc GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION RETURN-SLIP

I, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to nominate for a position on Belair Primary School Governing Council beginning in 2018 for a two year period.

Daytime Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Youngest child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the Front Office by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.





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## Interested in becoming a Class Parent Rep in 2018?

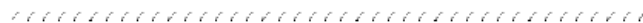
Each class at Belair Primary School has a volunteer Class Parent Representative. The job can be done by one parent or shared among two or three.

Class Parent Reps help to create a supportive network in the classroom with the teacher, have a social role with class parents, and are an important point of contact with the Parent Association.

**Lost Property & Sick Room Linen Roster:** Each class is required to go on the weekly roster to sort and return clothing and other items in the lost property room, and change & wash the linen in the sick rooms. Each class will need to do this a couple of times a year. It's a job that other parents in your class will be happy to help with, but it will be your responsibility to make sure it's done on the week your classroom is assigned. A separate sheet will be distributed to all Parent Reps explaining what needs to be done and when.

### Class Parent Reps may also need to:

- Gather Names and contact information to create and circulate a class list to parents/carers.
- Liaise between teacher and parents when help is needed in the classroom. This would be guided by your teacher, and could include organising parent volunteers to help with cooking or craft activities for special occasions (Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Easter etc.).
- Liaise between the Parent Association and the class parents when special information needs to go out about fundraisers or school volunteering needs etc. You're invited to come to the PA meetings (held twice a term), but this is not a requirement.
- Organise class coffee mornings or similar throughout the year for parents to meet, depending on the requirements of your class parents.



Class Parent Rep can be a great job for anyone who is interested in getting to know how the school works, and getting to know the kids and parents in the class and others in the wider school community. It's a fun and rewarding role.

If this has sparked your interest, please contact the Parent Association (Mallory Chatfield - PA CPR coordinator, on [blairm76@hotmail.com](mailto:blairm76@hotmail.com)) with your name, your child's name, classroom number and teacher and we will be in touch with further details.

... from the Belair Primary School Parent Association



# THE P.A. NEEDS YOU!

Are you unable to make it to the Parent Association meetings but happy to help out during the year with some of the school's fundraising activities?

Excellent...The PA are always in need of extra volunteers in various roles. More available hands mean less work for everyone. And it's fun too! Whether we're making up raffle prize baskets, carting entertainment books to classrooms, cooking sausages, or decorating at graduation time, there are always plenty of laughs.

## **We'd love your help...**

Just fill in the form below and drop it in to the School Front Office, or send your name and contact details to Kristy Fairlamb (PA President) [kristy@fairlamb.me](mailto:kristy@fairlamb.me)  
We'll let you know when there's something coming up

Thanks ... on behalf of the BPS Parent Association.

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*I \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
am happy to be contacted by the PA if there are jobs to be  
done for PA activities from time to time throughout the year.*

My youngest child \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_





**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - CRECHE REGISTRATION FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ would like my child/ren registered for the crèche on Parent Information Night in the OSHC building.

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Reception and Year 6/7 classes 6.15pm – 7.15pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017
  - Session 1 - Year 1-2 classes 6.15pm – 7.00pm,
  - Session 2 - Year 3-5 classes 7.10pm – 8.00pm,

**Please circle the date/s your child will be in the crèche.**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 6/2/18 and/or 13/2/18

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Unfortunately, we are not equipped to provide the necessary care for pre-school aged children.

**Bookings are essential to ensure adequate staffing ratios.**

Please return the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter to the Front Office by -  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February for the Reception/Year meetings  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> for years 1-5 meetings.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone number \_\_\_\_\_



## Further information

Department for Education and Child  
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DECD Emergency Information Hotline

1800 000 279

The DECD Emergency Information Hotline operates during business hours, with an out-of-hours messaging service at other times.

The hotline is the best source of current and up-to-date information on bushfire emergencies.

**Bushfire and Emergency Management website**

[www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/bushfires-and-emergency-closures/bushfire-information](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/bushfires-and-emergency-closures/bushfire-information)

**Country Fire Service**

**Bushfire Information Hotline**

1300 362 361

Website [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

**Alert SA**

[www.alert.sa.gov.au](http://www.alert.sa.gov.au)

### Belair Primary School has a 'high risk' bushfire rating

This means:

- our site will be closed on days with a forecast 'catastrophic' fire danger rating
- vacation or out of school hours care will also be closed
- no persons (staff, students, contractors etc.) will be on site
- school buses and taxis will not operate within the fire ban district
- families will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on these days

We will contact families to inform of closures.

**Our phone number is 8370 3733**

If this number is engaged during an emergency, contact;



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**1800 000 279**

# Fire Danger Season 2017-18

## Information for Families



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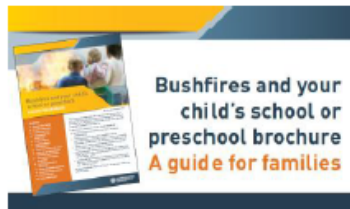
## Belair Primary School is located in a high-risk bushfire area.

While we have an emergency and bushfire response plan for our site it is important that we are all prepared for a bushfire emergency.

### Parent and family checklist

We all need to be ready for the fire danger season and to keep your children as safe as possible, please ensure you:

- request a copy of the *Bushfire and Your Child's School or Preschool* brochure from your site or download a copy from the DECD Bushfire and Emergency Management website



- request a DECD Emergency Information Hotline fridge magnet from your site
- read all of the bushfire information provided to you
- talk with your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool
- update your emergency contact details with us before the start of the fire danger season

- make a personal Bushfire Survival Plan for your family and let us know how this will affect your child's attendance
- download the AlertSA app if you use a smart phone or bookmark the website on your computer

### 'Catastrophic' fire danger days

'Catastrophic' fire danger days occur when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold on a 'catastrophic' day it will be extremely difficult to control.

When a catastrophic fire danger rating is forecast for the following day by the Bureau of Meteorology, all 'high-risk' schools and preschools in the declared fire ban district will be closed.

### Find out about site closures

Emergency school closures will soon appear on the governments Alert SA website and mobile app. By downloading the Alert SA app to your mobile device you will be able to obtain real-time information and warnings.



### If a bushfire approaches us

The safety of children in our care is our highest priority if a bushfire approaches our site.

We have a designated bushfire refuge, which is the safest place for staff and students to be in this situation.

Evacuation is our last option unless advised otherwise by emergency services.

When we move to our bushfire refuge we:

- move everybody inside, close windows, doors, and turn off the air conditioning
- fill available containers with water
- turn on any sprinklers and irrigation systems if it is safe and time permits
- remain inside with the children until the main firefront passes
- listen to local radio or monitor the CFS or AlertSA website for bushfire updates and information
- liaise with DECD Security and Emergency Management and the CFS to stay informed about changing conditions